


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** September 30, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development   
**RE:** Friday Report  
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday 10/3/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Planning &amp; Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 209</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 10/4/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lasell College Neighborhood Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lasell College Yamawaki Center</li><li>Land Use Committee, Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Room 222, <b>cancelled</b></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 10/5/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fair Housing Committee, 8:00 a.m., Room 202</li><li>Women's Enterprise Initiative Forum, 6:15 p.m., Newton Free Library</li><li>Public Safety and Transportation Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 10/6/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Farm Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>Newtonville Historic District Commission, <b>cancelled</b></li></ul>

- **Planning & Development Board:** The Planning and Development Board is meeting on **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The agenda includes a review of the September meeting minutes, a discussion and action to amend the Newton Community Development Authority by-laws to conform to updated departmental titles and responsibilities; a quarterly presentation by CAN-DO on the organization's financial and organizational status, as well as procedural issues. **Contact Anne Marie Belrose at 617.796.1130 or [abelrose@newtonma.gov](mailto:abelrose@newtonma.gov).**
- **Administrative Site Plan Review Neighborhood Meeting- Lasell College:** The Planning Department will host a neighborhood meeting on **Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center, corner of Grove St. and Myrtle Ave. The College is proposing two changes to their campus which require an Administrative Site Plan Review. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit feedback on these improvements. Proposed changes include: Replacing an existing tennis court at 25 Maple Terrace with a parking lot including related lighting and landscaping and; Relocating an existing scoreboard located on the baseball field behind 19 Berkley Place from behind third base to left field. Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).
- **Fair Housing Committee:** The Fair Housing Committee is meeting **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 a.m. in Room 202. The agenda includes a review of the September meeting minutes, introduction of new members and membership status, a discussion on implementing the Architectural Access Report, a discussion on possible training for city officials on affirmatively furthering fair housing including budget considerations, and other business including a recent fair housing complaint in Newton. **Contact Robert Muollo at 617.796.1146 or [rmuollo@newtonma.gov](mailto:rmuollo@newtonma.gov).**
- **Women's Enterprise Initiative Business Plan Forum:** The fall business plan forum will be held on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** at Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library; networking and refreshments begin at 6:15 p.m. and program to follow from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. Wendy Pease, owner of Rapport International, a global foreign language translation company based in Sudbury, will present her business plan. Laura Trust, co-president of Finagle-A-Bagel will moderate the event, with panelists Janet Britcher, Susan LaPlante-Dube, and Suzanne Paling. Thanks to generous sponsors, Boston

Private Bank & Trust Company and The Village Bank, this event is free to all – please come! **Register** at [www.newtonma.gov/wei](http://www.newtonma.gov/wei). **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or [wei@newtonma.gov](mailto:wei@newtonma.gov).**

- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 7:45 p.m. in Room 202. Planning staff will present item #363-10, regarding free parking on free Saturdays during the holiday season to support shopping at local businesses. A detailed agenda can be found at: [www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm). **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Farm Commission:** The Farm Commission will meet on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The following items are on the agenda: Updates on farm operations; Review of Barn Renovation Plans; Review of minutes from the September meeting. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newtonville Historic District Commission:** The October meeting of the Newtonville Historic District Commission has been **cancelled**. The next filing deadline is October 19<sup>th</sup> and the next scheduled meeting is **Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796.1143 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Newton Senior Center (345 Walnut Street, Newtonville). No proposal or project discussions are scheduled. The main agenda item is reviewing draft materials & plans for the CPA's 10th anniversary in Newton, starting with the first **neighborhood CPA 10<sup>th</sup> birthday party** on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. For details, see balloons below, go to [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa), or contact **Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager, 617.796.1144** [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).



**Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Newton CPA!** Newton adopted the CPA in November 2001. The Community Preservation Committee is holding special meetings, with an “interactive exhibit” to which residents can add their own photos and notes about what makes Newton a community worth preserving. Anyone can come to any meeting, but we especially hope to hear from residents of **Newton Corner, Nonantum, and Newtonville** / Wards 1 & 2, **7-9 p.m., Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**, in the **Newton North High School Film Lecture Hall** (enter from the front lobby).

Future schedule: **January 24, 2012** for West Newton, Auburndale, & Newton Lower Falls / Wards 3 & 4, at Warren House, 1600 Washington Street; **March 2012** for Waban, Newton Upper Falls, & Newton Highlands / Ward 5; **May 2012** for Newton Centre, Thompsonville, & Chestnut Hill / Wards 6 & 7; **September 2012** for the South Side, including Oak Hill & Oak Hill Park / Ward 8.

- **We're tweeting!** Announcing a new way to connect with Planning Department news. To receive updates on community meetings, new businesses in the City, and other economic development news, follow us on Twitter at [@NewtonEconDev](https://twitter.com/NewtonEconDev).
- **Got LEED?** The City of Newton is interested in tracking LEED-certified construction within the City. If you know of a building that has received or is intending to receive this distinction, please contact **Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).**
- **Department's Weekly Report Going Green:** Over the years our Planning Department's Weekly Report (Friday Report) has grown in circulation. While we're excited for people to read our information, we're hoping to move to a more green distribution. Besides saving paper and postage, it also allows you to receive the information more timely. For those who are not currently receiving it via email and would like to receive it electronically, please let us know by sending an email to Norine Siltan at [nsiltan@newtonma.gov](mailto:nsiltan@newtonma.gov). Be sure to put “Going Green” in your subject line. Thank you!